

sas City, Mo., for it was he who led the blushing bride to the hymenial altar in the person of sister Maggie Forney of Beatrice, Neb. After the ceremony, which was preformed by your unworthy servant, a feast worthy the occasion was enjoyed by the friends of the contracting parties who had been invited. Brother and Sister Hixson returned to Kansas City on Dec. 31st, intending to begin house keeping on New Year's day.

We wish them many years of the new century to share each others association, for they well deserve what we pray may be theirs. much joy and happiness.

To all the brethren and sisters in Christ every where I send a happy New Year greeting,

May we all put off with the old year and the old century, our neglect of duty, our lack of diligence in God's service, our every sin and with the new century begin those things more worthy our profession, greater consecration to God. Better attendance to all the services of the church. Doing kind deeds and speaking words of love that the church of our choice may become a great and mighty power for the salvation of men in this the twentieth century.

L. W. DITCH

West Alexandria, Ohio

A wagon filled with about every necessary one might require for a quarter of a year, and a car load of the Bear Creek people arrived at the home of the pastor, on Thursday morning, December 27. We can scarcely call it a surprise, as the Bear Creek church is always doing beautiful things. When they installed the present pastor they determined that he should not be regarded as a stranger, so they began at once to make him feel at home, and have admirably succeeded.

We have also had an opportunity to test the courage, fidelity to the cause, and loyalty to the right in the Bear Creek church character, and feel proud to say that they are proved as an all around safe people.

J. C. MACKAY.

Crown, Iowa

Sister Clara Flora has resigned her position as pastor of Crown chapel. She has worked faithfully for seven years and always had good audiences. The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote of the church

WHEREAS, Sister Flora has served the church at Crown as pastor for seven years and has requested the church to kindly relieve her of the charge during the coming year, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the church at Crown, Iowa, that we desire in this way to express to her our sincere thanks for the untiring energy she has put forth for the cause of Christ during this period and we feel that if all has not been done that might have been done for the cause it is due to negligence of members of the church rather than any lack of effort on her part. Be it further

Resolved, That we reluctantly grant her request.

ROSA GARBER

Conemaugh, Pa.

After some delay I endeavor to give a little report as church news. On Nov. 26 1900, I said good-bye to my family and home congregation and boarded the train for Sergeantsville, N. J., to assist Brother Smith and the Brethren there in a revival effort. About 8:30 P. M. I safely landed in the home of Mr. Joseph Wilson of Stockton, N. J., spent the night in his home. Next morning was conveyed to the home of brother Joseph Haines, where I made my home during my stay in New Jersey. Brother Haines' home is known as the preacher's inn. They know how to take care of a Domine as the preacher is commonly called in New Jersey. On the evening of Nov. 27, 1900, we opened fire on the enemy in their beautiful church in Sergeantsville with a fair audience; we continued nightly for three weeks with a growing interest and attendance, and closed on the evening of Dec. 18, 1900, with a full house, with an informal service. I gave them a short talk on that more excellent way Paul speaks of which was follow-

ed by short talks, testimonies, songs, prayers handshakes, etc. Immediate result in the way of converts was, eight made the good confession, others were almost persuaded, and the church encouraged and strengthened. I think the meeting paved the way for a rapid growth in the near future. I am glad to say that the members gave Brother Smith and me their hearty co operation. I never saw a more regular and better percentage of attendance than in this meeting. Many of the members have passed the meridian of life and yet they were regular in attendance. This is one of the essentials to a successful meeting. I made many new acquaintances and enlarged my circle of friendship. I visited many homes and enjoyed the hospitality of each. The New Jersey congregation of the Brethren church is a band of earnest, Christian workers led by their efficient pastor, brother E. H. Smith. For years to come fond recollections will cluster around my memory in behalf of my visit to and among the New Jersey people.

Dec. 19, 1900, I left New Jersey, ran down to Baltimore and stopped two nights and a day with my brother in the flesh; visited Fort McHenry, etc. Baltimore would be a good opening for the gospel alone doctrine. On Dec. 21, 1900, run over to Washington, found the home of Brother Lyon. He and I entered upon a contract as follows: he was to show me places of interest Friday afternoon and Saturday if I would do the preaching on Sunday. We visited many places of interest in the capital city and on Sunday met the brethren and sisters of that city in their church, recently purchased; preached to appreciative audiences morning and evening. I found this band of Christian workers earnest and devoted. The various congregations of Pa., W. Va., Va., and Md., should not forget to lend a helping hand to this church in our capital city. Here I met a man I baptized about ten years ago still faithful. I also met other old acquaintances. Enjoyed the kindness and hospitality of Brother Lyon and his family. Reached home Dec. 24, 1900, at 9:00 P. M., just a little too late to enjoy our Christmas entertainment and Sunday-school treat, but in time to eat my Christmas dinner with my family. May God abundantly bless the churches and homes I visited and also our beloved brotherhood.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Conemaugh, Pa.

Here and There

Preached a few sermons in the "Brush Valley" congregation. Baptized one and left two applicants. Later preached a few sermons in the "Gladerun" congregation. Baptized one, and left one applicant. Still later, held a week's meeting in the "Cherryhill" congregation and closed with a very pleasant and enjoyable communion service on the evening of Dec. 27. Am now at Oakland, Pa., holding forth the word of life for a few days. Will the editor and publishers of the EVANGELIST, Ashland University faculty and students, all pastors, missionaries and readers of the EVANGELIST please accept a happy New Year's greeting with a shower of good wishes for the success of the cause of Christ in every pastorate, mission, and the several missionary fields home and foreign. May the triune God abundantly bless and prosper his spiritual Zion far beyond our largest expectations and finite conceptions during this first ecclesiastical year of the twentieth century. For this shall we all pray.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

Goshen, Ind.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a business meeting of the Goshen church Sat. Jan. 12, at two o'clock. All who are interested in the upbuilding of our cause here are invited to meet with us. On Sunday following there will be preaching at 10:30 and at 7:00 o'clock. This will be Letter Day. Let all who want their membership in the Goshen church come with their letters and hand them in. There have been a number reported as ready. If any one knows of members living here with their membership elsewhere will you

notify me that we may find them and enlist their help in the work.

Brethren, everywhere, what are you doing for God? Yes, doing? Our days are just flying from us! Only the "doers" shall be justified, says James. Let us get to work in real earnestness.

G. W. RENCH.

Gleanings From the Wayside

Praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men. I come once more, weak in the flesh but strong in the faith of our blessed Master. Two months have I been shut in, but I am improving nicely; can walk out in the yard, and enjoy the association of kind friends. My message must be short as I am weak. Wishing you all a happy New Year.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Christmas and New Year at Meyersdale, Pa.

Nineteen centuries have rolled away since in the little town of Bethlehem, Judea, the Son of Mary opened the most marvelous scene of divinity clad in humanity. The Son of God becoming the Son of Mary that the sons of men might become the sons of God. And we find as we enter upon the twentieth century of the Christian era that the kingdom and church he established still abide. Many other kingdoms that once flourished greatly have passed away and the place that once knew them knows them no more, but the church built upon the rock by the Son of Mary himself being that rock as the Son of God, still lives and grows. With Lord Gladstone one of the most gifted and accomplished statesmen of the past century we fully agree when he said, "Let us believe and know that Christianity is all the time advancing; that the men's hearts may fail them thru fear, the church goes on in God guided and irresistible movements." The church and Sunday-school at Meyersdale celebrated the glad occasion by rendering a neat program and giving a fine treat to the scholars and remembering the pastor and family with a sum of money amply sufficient to carry out the request to buy dining-room chairs and a new wrap for the parson's better half. Deacon Miller himself wrapping the parson in a new storm overcoat, and the good friends at our Summit Mills appointment sending us thru the mail "a Christmas remembrance" in the substantial shape of a check for thirty dollars, all of which we highly appreciate and believe to be the promptings of hearts full of love for Christ and his cause. Last but not least there came to us by the Meyersdale congregation thru the board of officers "a unanimous call for another year's pastoral services at an increase of remuneration." Truly God and his servants have been good to us, and we enter upon the new year under favorable auspices.

God bless all the brethren and sisters of the charge for their goodness to us, and our labors together for the saving of souls is my prayer.

Meyersdale, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Goshen, Indiana

Isaac Walton says fishing promotes contemplation. I say this to remind brother Peter Fisher of Mexico that I often think of him and very kindly too.

I think sickness has the same effect, especially the convalescent period. I visited Brother Rensch; he said, I have been thinking a great deal of late and have had time to do so. It had the same effect on me and I will jot down some of my thoughts.

I think it strange that the Editor of our paper must appeal to the subscribers to pay what they owe and that some of them don't pay then. I am afraid they will go right where Brother Gillin said in his report to National Conference. (I often feel like shaking hands with him. I feel his hands will be free from their blood.)

I think it is strange brother minister that the Editor furnishes us paper and envelopes to write for the paper and you promised to do so and yet we don't do it. Don't you have time? Some of us had time to be sick. A brother once said to me, They always have plenty excuses why they don't attend church